



## News Release

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### **Seasonal Pole Mountain Shooting Prohibition Begins March 31**

**(LARAMIE, Wyo.) March 30, 2011** – The Laramie Ranger District would like to remind the public that by special order, the Forest Service prohibits the discharge of firearms within the Pole Mountain unit of the Medicine Bow National Forest from March 31 through September 10.

This is a seasonal renewal of a past special order and will remain in effect until rescinded or until May 31, 2012. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun is prohibited to protect natural resources and provide for public safety.

The Pole Mountain unit is one of the most highly used recreation areas on the national forest. Visitor safety is of the utmost concern, and stray bullets pose an unnecessary hazard.

For more information on the shooting prohibition, please see the enclosed Special Order No. 2010-02 and the attached map of the restricted area.

The Forest Service would also like to stress that illegal motor vehicle travel is causing serious damage in the Pole Mountain area. Motor vehicle users should resist the temptation to travel outside of roads or trails and through muddy, rutted areas. Skirting an obstacle leads to widening the route, which can cause resource damage, including harm to streams, lakes and wetlands. Increased erosion and sedimentation can negatively impact wildlife and fish habitat, as well as water quality.

Visitors are urged to take care of their public lands. Stay on roads and trails that are designated open for motorized travel.

For additional information on recreational use of the Pole Mountain area, please contact the Laramie Ranger District office at 307-745-2300 or visit <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>.

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